

# PEDESTRIAN SAFETY WHEN WORKING AROUND FORKLIFTS



Working around forklifts can be dangerous. Never assume the driver can see or avoid you.  
Pedestrian safety is key to keeping everyone safe.  
Always obey the rules below for your own safety.



**Caution**  
Pedestrians  
look both ways

- ✓ Always make eye contact with a Forklift Operator if you will be walking near them to ensure they are aware of your presence, if you don't, they may not know you are there
- ✓ Stay out of the operator's DANGER ZONE; optimally, at least 3 feet away from a forklift in motion or a larger distance if the operator is lifting a load. If the operator is lifting a load, stay .1 foot away for every foot they are lifting a load up. For example, 5 feet up means a pedestrian needs to stay at least 5 feet away
- ✓ Forklift Operators have large blind spots, and they may not see you even if you are in front of them, always ensure they are aware of your presence
- ✓ Do not approach a Forklift Operator without them giving their permission to do so
- ✓ If a Forklift Operator is placing a load onto the floor, step back at least 3 feet until the load is on the floor
- ✓ Forklift Operators are required to look behind them when backing up, but they may not always do this. It is important to maintain eye contact with the operator if you are working in the same area so they are aware of your presence
- ✓ Never stand under a raised load
- ✓ Always be aware of forklift traffic when coming out of blind spots, or doors that open into a forklift travel area. If your workplace has pedestrian walk areas that are marked out, stay within those areas
- ✓ Report to your supervisor if you feel that a Forklift Operator is working in an unsafe manner or if there was a near miss incident
- ✓ Only trained and authorized persons are allowed to operate forklifts



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